

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE:** **JULY 5, 2000** )  
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**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,** ) **DOCKET NO. 00-00211**  
**INC. TARIFF FILING FOR CONTRACT** )  
**SERVICE ARRANGEMENT TN 99-5462-01** )

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**ORDER CLOSING DOCKET DUE TO VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL**

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This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on May 23, 2000 on the tariff filing of BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. for approval to offer Contract Service Arrangement TN 99-5462-01 ("CSA"). BellSouth filed the tariff on March 13, 2000 with a proposed effective date of April 12, 2000.

The Directors first addressed the tariff at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 11, 2000. Immediately preceding the Conference, BellSouth filed a letter that attempted to resolve the discrepancy between the one-hundred percent (100%) termination provision in the CSA and the ninety percent (90%) termination provision in the tariff. Having not had the opportunity to study the letter, the Directors voted to defer the matter until the April 25, 2000 Authority Conference and suspended the tariff through May 1, 2000. In addition, the Directors suggested BellSouth meet with the Authority's General Counsel to discuss a possible amendment to the CSA that may resolve the inconsistency. At the April 25, 2000 Authority Conference, the Directors found that BellSouth had failed to take any further action in response to the concerns expressed at the

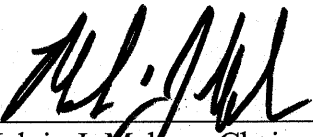
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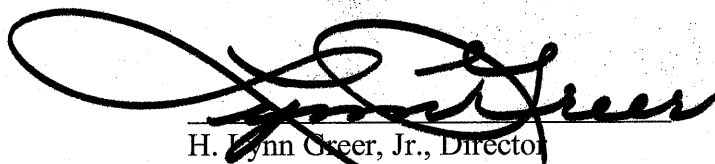
April 11, 2000 Authority Conference and voted to re-suspend the tariff for an additional thirty (30) day period.

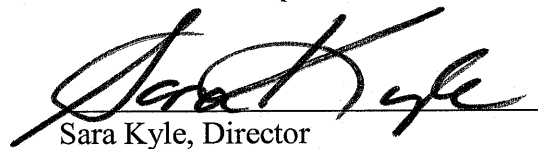
The Authority noticed BellSouth that the Authority would consider Docket No. 00-00211 at its May 23, 2000 Authority Conference. BellSouth filed a letter on May 22, 2000 expressing its desire to withdraw the tariff. During the May 23, 2000 Authority Conference, the Directors questioned BellSouth's representative concerning the reasons for the withdrawal. Upon learning that BellSouth withdrew the tariff because of its inability to relieve the Directors' concerns over the inconsistent termination provisions, the Directors accepted the withdrawal of the tariff.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Because BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. has withdrawn Tariff No. 00-00211, this Docket is closed.

  
Melvin J. Malone, Chairman

  
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

  
Sara Kyle, Director

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary